



# VERONA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians:

We are preparing our Eighth Graders for their exciting transition to Verona High School. During the next few months, they will be very busy visiting, learning about, and planning for high school. The following information identifies dates and events that will be valuable to you and your child. Please make note of them on your family calendar and closely adhere to the due dates.

**Open House for Incoming 9th Graders:** On Thursday, January 12, 2017@ 7:00pm, the Open House will be held at Verona High School and is for both parents and students. During this evening, you and your child will gain an understanding about Verona High School, our teaching staff, and the students who make Verona a great place to get an education.

**Scheduling:** The 2017-2018 *Curriculum Bulletin* will be available on-line at the School Counseling website shortly. It is an excellent resource to review graduation requirements, course sequences, and course descriptions. Once teacher recommendations are complete, you will be able to view them on the Parent Portal. If you have any questions regarding your teacher recommendations, please address them with your current teachers prior to meeting with your VHS counselor.

**Scheduling Meetings:** VHS counselors will be meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students at **HBW** to discuss scheduling in February. During these 30 minute meetings, you will be discussing academic strengths and goals, as well as a tentative four year plan. This is also an opportunity to ask your counselor any questions or concerns you may have regarding attending Verona High School. Counselors will be at HBW from 8:30AM-2:00PM as follows:

Ms. Buzby (students with last names A-G): February 1, 7, 9, 14, 16, 22, 24, 27  
Ms. Green (students with last names H-R): February 2, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 22, 24, 28  
Ms. Ferlauto (students with last names S-Z): February 1, 2, 6, 9, 15

**This year we will be using Sign Up Genius to schedule 8th grade appointments . Please click the appropriate link below to schedule an appointment with your child's counselor.**

[Ms. Buzby \(students with last names A-G\)](#)  
[Ms. Green \(students with last names H-R\)](#)  
[Mrs. Ferlauto \(students with last names S-Z\)](#)

Appointments will be on a first, come first serve basis **until January 20th**. If your child is not attending Verona High School and you do not wish to have an appointment, please contact Mrs. Newman at 973-571-6750, x1015 to let her know.

**Ninth Grade Student Orientation:** In order to best meet the needs of our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, orientation is held on the first day of school. Ninth grade students will report regular time, while upperclassmen will report at 10:00am. This will give 9<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to find and open their locker, run through their schedule and meet with teachers and peer leaders more relaxed setting. Peer leaders will be assisting during this two hour orientation period.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's respective counselor or Mrs. Newman at 973-571-6750, x1015 .

- Ms. Buzby : A-G, cbuzby@veronaschools.org
- Ms. Green: H-R, cgreen@veronaschools.org
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Sincerely,  
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